

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee
Plenum

QUESTION: Do you have any comments on the current Central Committee Plenum in Moscow?

CURRENT SITUATION REPORT

Judging by the announced agenda and statements made so far during the Plenum, which began on November 19, this meeting will primarily discuss economic problems, including the improvement of Party control over various sectors of the Soviet economy. Featured in some press accounts were Khrushchev's opening remarks that the Soviets should be able "to learn from the capitalists, to imitate what of theirs is good and profitable."

SUGGESTED POINTS IN PRESIDENT'S REPLY

I have no comment on the current Central Committee Plenum.